Saratoga High School

School Profile 2026-2027

The mission of Saratoga High School is to optimize the learning of each student. As a community of learners committed to excellence, we promote physical and mental health, lifelong learning, personal integrity, and social responsibility.

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Our School

Saratoga High School is located in an upper middle class professional community in the Silicon Valley. The California Department of Education and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) jointly accredit the school. Saratoga High School is ranked 265 in the National Rankings, 37th within California and 8th in San Jose, CA Metro Area High Schools (rankings are courtesy of US News and World Report High School Rankings).

89.05% of 2026 graduating students meet or exceed UC or CSU requirements

48% of students participate on at least one athletic team

38 National Merit Semifinalists Class of 2027

Ethnic Diversity

Saratoga High School is home to 1,071 students, 294 of whom are in our Class of 2027. 15 ethnic groups are represented by our student body. In addition, 30 languages are spoken among the families in our school community.

Demographics

2026-2027 Enrollment	1071
Class of 2027 Students	294
Class size average	24.9
2026 Graduation Rate	98.2

Grading Policy

SHS reports both the student's academic weighted and unweighted grade point averages. While AP and Honors courses with a C- or better from SHS are assigned an extra grade point, + and - are not weighted in the student's GPA. Honors/AP courses taken outside of SHS, including community college courses are not given an extra grade point. All other SHS courses are on a 4.0 scale.

We do not rank our students.

Our Curriculum

Saratoga High School's curriculum is an academically challenging, college preparatory program.

- Classes meet for 85-minute periods on alternating block days.
- Students may take up to seven classes per semester.
- Starting their Junior year, students are permitted to take two Science courses.
- Students are required to complete a minimum of 220 semester units.

Academic Rigor

Eight or more AP or Honors courses throughout a student's four years of high school is considered to be the most rigorous course load.

2026 AP Test Results

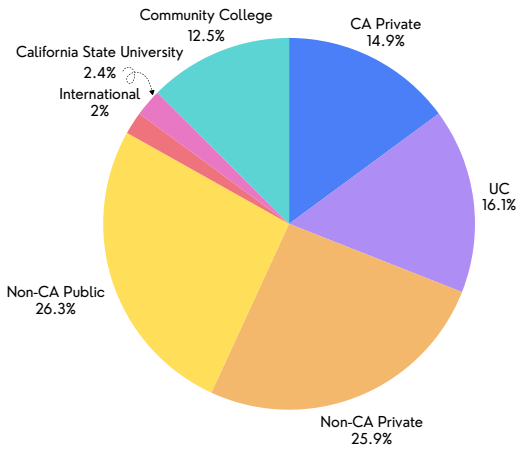
# of SHS Students	641
# of Exams taken	2043
% of Qualifying scores	94%

SAT Testing Results

	2026 SAT	2025 SAT	2024 SAT	2023 SAT
# of SHS students	305	457	512	288
Mean Total	1409	1430	1406	1408

Post High School Matriculation Class of 2026

College Placement



Honors & Advanced Placement Courses

ENGLISH
Honors: English 11, Creative Writing
AP: English Language & Composition, English Literature & Composition

MATHEMATICS
Honors: Algebra 2, Pre-Calculus
AP: Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Statistics, Computer Science A

SCIENCE
Honors: Chemistry
AP: Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics 1/2*, Physics C: Mech, E&M*
Taught in one year

SOCIAL SCIENCES
Honors: None
AP: European History, US Government & Politics, US History

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS
Honors: Art 4, Band 4 Symphonic, Band 5 Symphonic, Jazz Ensemble, Band 4 Wind Ensemble, Band 5 Wind Ensemble, Choir 4, Choir 5, Theater 4, Orchestra 4, Orchestra 5
AP: Art History, 2-D Art Design, 3-D Art Design, Drawing, Music Theory

WORLD LANGUAGES
Honors: Chinese 4, French 3, Spanish 4
AP: Chinese Language & Culture, French Language & Culture, Spanish Language & Culture

ELECTIVES
Honors: Journalism 4, Digital Electronics, Multimedia Journalism 4

Extracurricular Activities

SHS sponsors a broad range of co-curricular and extracurricular activities including numerous service and special interest clubs for students to become actively involved in the school and community.

A partial list includes:

- 26 athletic teams that compete for SCVAL League and The PAL League (football), and CCS championships
- Principal Student Advisory Panel
- Superintendent Student Advisory Committee
- Journalism
- Link Crew
- Speech and Debate
- Student Government
- Yearbook
- Award winning Marching Band, Color Guard, Winter Percussion and auxiliary units
- Award winning FIRST (FRC and FTC) robotics program
- Award winning VEX robotics program
- Award winning Cheer and Dance teams

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Special School Programs

College Advantage at West Valley College

College Advantage is a unique program that is accessible to high performing seniors who have at least a 3.8 weighted GPA. Students enroll in college courses only, but receive a SHS diploma upon completion of graduation requirements.

Middle College at West Valley College

Middle College at West Valley College is a rigorous program for students who have a 3.5 weighted GPA or higher and the social and academic skills to successfully function independently in college level classes. Students take history and English classes with other high school students, but take additional college classes of their choosing. The program is housed entirely on the West Valley College campus, so students are not actively enrolled at SHS. Students receive a diploma from Saratoga High School and are allowed to participate in school activities.

Media Arts Program (MAP)

MAP invites students to celebrate their learning in an academy setting with a focus on rigorous academic standards in English and Social Studies. While developing skills in media-related performance and production technologies, students gain experience with cutting edge programs for video, animation, graphic design, and other media. Instruction emphasizes collaboration, communication, and creativity as students work with their peers, teachers, and industry professionals. Successful completion of MAP coursework satisfies graduation requirements in English 9-12, Social Studies in 10-11th grades, and 12th grade Government. Students will also satisfy Applied Arts and Visual and Performing Arts credits.

STEM/Project Lead the Way (PLTW)

The STEM Department offers diverse educational pathways in computer science and PLTW Engineering, from introductory semester-long classes to Honors and AP-level courses. Most of these elective classes are fully independent, giving students the freedom to explore individual subjects without prior coursework. An exception is the senior capstone course - Engineering Design and Development - an open-ended engineering class requiring two prior STEM electives or relevant hands-on experience. Across all disciplines, instruction centers on project-based learning to cultivate critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and communication.

Silicon Valley Career Technical Education (SVCTE)

SVCTE educates eligible high school students for success in careers and college in a professional, hands-on environment. Courses are offered within 11 industry sectors where junior and senior high school students can explore and develop technical skills that will lead them to higher education or into the workplace.